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SUBJECT: FRENCH APPROACH FOR SECOND MEETING OF EXPERTS
ON NON-PROLIFERATION

REF: (A) PARIS 17415; (B) PARIS 17135

1. THE FRENCH EMBASSY INFORMED DEPARTMENT ON JUNE 13 THAT
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THEIR GOVERNMENT WAS CALLING FOR A SECOND MEETING OF EX-
PERTS AS A FOLLOW-UP TO MAY ECONOMIC SUMMIT. FRENCH VIEW
IS THAT DOCUMENTS DRAFTED AS RESULT OF JUNE 8-9 (REF A)
EXPERTS MEETING DID NOT SATISFY MANDATE OF SUMMIT TO
"UNDERTAKE A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE
BEST MEANS OF ADVANCING THESE OBJECTIVES (IDENTIFIED
EARLIER IN THE COMMUNIQUE AS: TO MAKE NON-PROLIFERATION

POLICIES MORE ACCEPTABLE TO INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES), INCLUDING STUDY OF TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR INTERNATIONAL FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION".

2. AS REPORTED IN REF B, THE US WAS OF THE VIEW THAT THE ANALYSIS CALLED FOR BY THE COMMUNIQUE WAS, IN FACT, THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DETAILED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION WHICH WAS TO BE REPORTED BACK TO THE SEVEN GOVERNMENTS. THE "THOROUGH STUDY" OF TECHNICAL NUCLEAR STRATEGIES AND CYCLES WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE

CONTEXT OF THE EVALUATION AND OVER A PERIOD OF A FEW YEARS RATHER THAN A FEW MONTHS BEFORE MEANINGFUL RESULTS COULD BE OBTAINED. US WOULD, OF COURSE, BE WILLING TO MEET AGAIN ON THIS MATTER IN THE CONTEXT OF A FOLLOW-UP MULTILATERAL MEETING OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS OF THE SEVEN GOVERNMENTS TO UNDERTAKE ADDITIONAL STUDY, IF SUCH A MEETING WOULD HELP OTHER GOVERNMENTS IN DECIDING THE ROLE EACH MAY WISH TO PLAY IN THE PROPOSED EVALUATION. HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER DEFINITION FROM PARIS OF WHAT ADDITIONAL PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS COULD PRODUCTIVELY BE DONE. OF COURSE, ANY SUCH STUDY WOULD BE ADDITIONAL TO THE TECHNICAL TERMS OF REFERENCE ALREADY DEVELOPED AND AGREED AD REFERENDUM AT THE INITIAL MEETING, AND WHICH US BELIEVES IS USEFUL BASIS FOR US PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION.

3. FOR PARIS. PLEASE CONVEY ABOVE TO APPROPRIATE FRENCH OFFICIALS. YOU SHOULD ALSO NOTE OUR BELIEF THAT, IN VIEW
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OF FRENCH REQUEST FOR US FLEXIBILITY ON APPROVAL OF SHIPMENTS OF SPENT FUEL FROM COUNTRIES OUTSIDE THE EC TO FRANCE FOR REPROCESSING AND NO RENEGOTIATION OF THE US/ EURATOM AGREEMENT DURING THE PROPOSED EVALUATION, A GENERAL MEETING OF THE SEVEN WOULD NOT BE FRUITFUL UNTIL WE HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE THESE ISSUES BILATERALLY.

4. FOR LONDON, BONN, OTTAWA, TOKYO AND ROME. FOR USE ONLY IF ASKED. CONVEY US POSITION AS OUTLINED IN PARA 2 ABOVE TO APPROPRIATE HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS. CHRISTOPHER

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